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## Industrial Site Inducted into Duke Site Readiness Program

The Duke Site Readiness Program ended in Garner on July 30 with a presentation by site consultant firm McCallum and Sweeney about why prepared communities win economic development projects. The Town of Garner and the 152-acre Garner Industrial Site at Greenfield Park South were inducted into the program in April.

The program, sponsored by Duke Energy, is designed to help communities collect extensive information on properties to position them to be ready for development.

The four-month-long program in Garner consisted of two site visits, extensive research on the Garner Industrial Site property, a presentation to site consultants and a final report on the property from site-location consultants rating the site and the performance of the economic development office.

“This has been a great process for the Economic Development Department,” Economic Development Director Joe Stallings said. “As we continue to search for ways to position Garner as a standout community ready for development, our ability to have client-ready sites is imperative and will separate Garner from the rest of our competition. Through this program, we have been able to add one more property that we can offer those companies looking to locate or expand in our community.”

As a part of the program, the Town will receive a \$10,000 grant to assist with further studies and improvements needed at the site to make it more client ready.

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